

Stewart's Bill

IS UNSATISFACTORY TO
INDIAN TERRITORY

Would Give All Work of the
Dawes Commission
to One Man.

Special to Daily Leader.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 2.—If Senator Stewart's bill as recently amended passes in congress the Indian agency at Muskogee will be abolished and Indian territory will become a little little monarchy, with one man in charge of all the work now performed by the Dawes commission and Indian agency. He will possess most of the powers of an absolute ruler, with the additional authority to control the sale of millions of acres of land.

This man, who will be termed superintendent of Indian territory affairs, will receive a salary of \$5,000 a year, and will be accountable only to the secretary of the interior. He will supervise the work now managed by five high salaried men, each of whom is supposed to have enough to keep him busy. The superintendent would have under his immediate control nearly 400 clerks, and there would not be a building in Muskogee large enough to house the government offices. The new superintendent, or czar, as some would be inclined to call him, would be kept busy from early morning to late at night merely signing his name to the thousands of letters and other documents that now pass through the Dawes commission and Indian agency every day, and he would have little or no time for other business. As it is, the three head officials of the government offices here are pushed for time in which to sign their names, and often have to spend their evenings at this task.

Section 2 of the bill, which defines in a general way the duties of the superintendent, reads:

The said superintendent shall have jurisdiction of all matters and shall perform all the duties vested in, conferred upon and to be performed by the commission to the five civilizes tribes and the Indian agent at the Indian agency by and under existing laws.

In addition to these powers, the superintendent is authorized by the bill to institute proceedings in the United States courts to correct leases where the remuneration or validity is in doubt or to right any wrong which he believes to have been done to the Indian. The courts are compelled to give this business precedence over all other civil cases and the judgment of the court shall be final. The court is, therefore, compelled to try cases filed by the Indian superintendent, no matter if they crowd out other matters entirely, and the defendant is deprived of the right to appeal. The burden of proof in lease matters is thus shifted upon the allottee instead of upon the lessee, as at present. No provision is made in the bill for an appropriation to pay the expense of these suits, so it is naturally supposed the cost would fall upon the allottees.

The absolute power which would be delegated to the superintendent of Indian territory affairs by the passage of the Stewart bill is clearly shown in the following section of the bill:

And the said superintendent shall have the power to remove any person appointed under the provisions of this act. He shall also have power to remove any executor or administrator of the estate of any deceased Indian or freedman and also to remove any guardian of a minor or other Indian or freedman incompetent to manage his own affairs and to revoke any power of attorney granted by such executor, administrator or guardian. He shall also investigate any and all proceedings under which the estate of any deceased Indian or freedman has been sold, disposed of or incumbered in any way whatsoever and report the result of his investigation to the attorney general of the United States, who is hereby authorized to take such proceedings as he may deem necessary in that behalf. In all matters under the jurisdiction of the superintendent his decision shall be final. Final no federal, territorial, or state court shall have jurisdiction in any manner whatsoever with the acts, proceedings or decisions of the superintendent or any officer or person acting by his authority under this act by any writ, process, order, or proceedings of any nature.

This section of the bill gives the superintendent and the clerks nothing more than the authority absolute power over the property affairs of the Indians and the white people whose interests happen to be allied with them, and even the courts dare not say him nay.

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The provision that no Indian could lease his homestead is considered by many a bad one. Many Indians have no money with which to build them. They would, therefore, be compelled to sell some of their other land on long installments to raise the money for these improvements or allow their land to remain idle, thus keeping the Indian in a continual stage of poverty. The provision that the Indian must hold his homestead forever would reduce him to the level of a lessee who was merely getting his rent free, with no prospects of ever converting his land into cash.

The bill provides that any legislation removing restrictions from the sale of Indian lands would be repealed by this act.

Many believe that the Stewart bill will be passed at this session. They say that Senator Stewart, who is a veteran in the legislative hall of the nation, is soon to retire and that something must be done for him. They predict that his bill will be passed and that he will be appointed superintendent of Indian affairs in Indian territory.

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